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mother's health. There are women that realize that two cannot eat as cheaply as one. There are problems that arrive that that woman must confront when she is pregnant that she does not face when she is not. I see this again as a mere pittance, and in a sense, it might can fill in for some of the gaps that do exist in the overall program of helping people who need assistance. I think the amendment, since it has been adopted, should not be utilized to hurt the bill or what the Legislature has decided by adopting the amendment that it would do. If Senator Nichol needs a more detailed explanation of these matters, I will do that apart from this floor so that I can use much franker language and not depart from my practice of only using certain words on the floor of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I just wanted to rise in support of the Fowler amendment which we adopted. The bill, frankly, does just that now. It forces the Welfare Department to continue paying for unborn children. The Supreme Court gave a ruling to the effect that states could either include or exclude unborn children. We happen to have the unborn children figured into the cost of the legislation as it is now on the books. Consequently, this particular bill would have zero fiscal impact at this time. I would, wholeheartedly, encourage you to pass this bill the way it is now. What my motivation is, is that, for example, if it will continue to discourage abortions by virtue of the fact that the mother does get a sufficient amount to take care of herself while she is carrying this child, we should give her every incentive not to have an abortion and, consequently, I would, wholeheartedly, support this bill in its present form for that reason. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have fond memories in my wife's pregnancies of being aroused in the middle of the night to secure ice cream. I am not sure that the ice cream itself was essential but I believe that my rising and dressing and getting the ice cream was extremely essential to my wife's well being in her pregnancy, and even though I was grumbling, I was very happy that I was there to get the ice cream but I never could understand how she could chase it down with dill pickles but I have fond memories of that, too. So there are special needs in a pregnancy and a husband is there to perform those special needs, whatever they may be. Senator Nichol, I would like to bring to your attention that we will have cases where a pregnancy exists and the husband either leaves or was not there. Without this amendment, that child and that mother will be ineligible for the charity and the cherish that is available from the state of Nebraska and I urge your support of this amendment, if for no other reason, except for those 12 or 15 cases that would fall into that very select category. Please support LB 397.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, do you care to close debate on the bill?